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SUBJECT: GENERAL ALVAREZ AND POLICE INVOLVED IN SHOOT- OUT
MISUNDERSTANDING

CINCSO FOR POLAD

1. MONTEVIDEO PRESS HEADLINES TODAY (APRIL 18) INCIDENT IN WHICH TWO POLICE OFFICERS FIRED UPON GENERAL GREGORIO ALVAREZ, CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF AND SECRETARY TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, IN APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING.

2. REPORTS OF INCIDENT ARE CONFUSED. BUT ACCORDING TO MOST FREQUENT ACCOUNT, ALVAREZ, RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF APRIL 17 WITH A CHAUFFEUR AND GUARD, BECAME SUSPICIOUS WHEN HE SAW THE AUTOMOBILE OF MONTEVIDEO POLICE CHIEF COL. BALLESTRINO BEING USED BY A GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN. ALVAREZ' S CAR, A VOLKSWAGEN (A FAVORITE AUTO OF TERRORISTS) FOLLOWED THE POLICE CAR. THIS IN TURN RAISED SUSPICION AMONG THE POLICEMEN THAT THEY WERE UNDER UNFRIENDLY SURVEILLANCE. THESE THEN BEGAN A CHASE, FIRST ALVAREZ' CAR PURSUING THE POLICE, THEN THE POLICE APPARENTLY PURSUING AND FIRING UPON THE AUTOMOBILE OF ALVAREZ. ALVAREZ USED HIS MOBILE RADIO UNIT TO CALL FOR HELP AND THE TWO POLICE OFFICERS WERE EVENTUALLY ARRESTED. NO ONE WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED, ALTHOUGH THE
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POLICEMEN WERE SLIGHTLY HURT WHEN THEIR CAR HIT AN ABUTMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE INCIDENT HAS ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A KEY STONE
COP MOVIE, HOWEVER IT WILL NO DOUBT BE SUBJECT OF CONSIDER-
ABLE SPECULATION.
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